इस प्रकार यह स्पष्ट है कि विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की मांग ज्यादातर पूरी ही की जा रही है। फिर भी विभिन्न कारणों से कुछ क्षेत्रों में सप्लाई में कमी हुई है। इन कठिनाइयों को दूर करने के लिए समय-समय पर सुधार की कार्रवाई की गई है।

Cement Industry

*177. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cement industry is facing problem of power supply in some of the major cement producing states and the coal used by the plants has been found to be of inferior quality;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to boost the cement production;

(c) what was the total production of cement during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(d) what would be the production target for 1987-88;

(e) whether Government have any proposals to open new cement factories in the country; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Cement plants located in certain major cement producing States and particularly in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan and recentlly Andhra Pradesh have been facing problem of power cuts/short supply of power. In regard to the quality of coal, there have been some complaints about the size of coal, low calorific value and presence of extraneous material in the coal supplied.

(b) In order to overcome power shortage cement industry has been advised to instal captive power plants to meet about 40 per cent of their power requirement. Almost all the cement units in power deficit States have installed captive power plants. The concerned State Governments have also been requested to minimise power-cuts on cement factories. With a view to ensure proper sizing and removal of extraneous materials, coal handling plants are being constructed at the collieries. Independent quality control organisations have also been set up in each coal company to monitor the quality of coal supplied. With a view to overcome the infrastructural constraints, the Department of Industrial Development as well as the Development Commissioner for Cement Industry have been constantly in touch with the concerned agencies to ensure that the constraints are removed/minimised expeditiously. As a result of these efforts, the production of cement has been steadily going up. As against production of 18.56 million tonnes in 1980-81, the production during the year 1986-87 was 36.50 million tonnes.

(c) The production during 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 33.10 million and 36.50 million tonnes respectively.

(d) A production target of 42.50 million tonnes have been fixed for 1987-88.

(e) and (f) The following large cement plants are expected to be commissioned during 1987-88:—

Statement

Name of the Company	Location	Capacity (Lakh tonnes)
Cement Corporation of India Ltd.	Tandur, A.P.	10.00
Shriram Fertilizers & Chemicals	Kota, Rajasthan	2.00
Cement Corporation of Gujarat	Junagadh, Gujarat	10.00
Raymond Wollen Mills Ltd.	Bilaspur, M.P.	3.00*
J.K. Synthetics Ltd.	Chittorgarh Rajasthan	4.00*
Orissa Cements	Rajgangpur Orissa	1.24*
Mysore Cements Ltd.	Damoh, M.P.	4.75*
	TOTAL	34.99

*Substantial Expansion